Surveillance and Social Control - Criminal Justice Research Paper

Social control generally deal with societal and political mechanisms or processes that regulate individual and group behavior, leading to conformity and compliance to the rules of a given society, state, or social group.

After 9/11 there is a change in our society affect increased surveillance. The Government of almost every country has long been a proponent of increased supervision and lenient regulation.

For this purpose they used Closed Caption Television (CCTV) and show positive results towards controlling criminal acts and terrorism activity.

Closed Caption Television (CCTV) is thriving in Europe where they use biometric recognition to monitor public venues (Biometrics, data that vectors personal features such as nose shape, cheek angle and eye positioning).Even the City of London uses a CCTV system integrated with facial recognition software to identify every person who enters the city limits.

Most specifically, CCTV offers the greatest possibility of increased social control in the future. Aiding this approach, numerous private companies are jumping at the chance to provide surveillance equipment to the government and investigation businesses.

By implement CCTV we can find several possible results such as

* Crime rate may lower because criminals are discouraged by their increased surveillance.
* Use of this system may cause crime to move elsewhere and thus fail to achieve any objectives at all. CCTV creates “the power to watch and potentially intervene in a variety of situations, whether they be criminal or not” Even persons who showed signs of unease or misdirection were subjected to more scrutiny
* At the same time under develop country like Pakistan , India etc where cops(Police) have threat too , can observed many suspicious activities and police involvement would not have stood up in court. Another factor that limited the filing of criminal charges was police discretion to resolve the situation right there.
* We can limit or move crime activity to specific location by unplug camera at that place (proved by research).

There could be a system where we can locate the person by given him a national ID card, so that we can determine who and where they are right now.